GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2078
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Entry of Ship from Sri Lanka
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of a ship containing weapons entering into the Indian water from Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, whether the Government has sought any information from Sri Lankan Government in this regard; and

(c) the response received by the Government from Sri Lankan authorities in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) As per available information, no ship carrying weapons has entered into Indian waters from Sri Lanka. However, a vessel MV Seaman Guard Ohio (Flag Sierra Leone) carrying arms and ammunition was interdicted by Indian Coast Guard within our territorial waters and escorted to Tuticorin Port on 12th October 2013 and handed over to local police. An FIR was registered by Marine Police Station, Tharuvaikulam against crew / security guards present on board.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

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